Scene in a Gambler's Life.

Upon one of the crewded boats that continually ply up and down the Mississippi, was a family group whose dejected appearance attracted general attention. The wife were that melancholy expression of countenance that tells of a life-consuming heart serrow which lies too deep to be atleviated by sympathy. Her features were sharpened by suffering, and her face, which might once have been fair, had lost its round proportions, and the thin cheek and sunken, moureful eve, revealed a tale of unspeken grief. A young babe slept quietly in her arms. She looked levingly upon it; and well she might, for it was very beantiful. One little dimpled hand rested upon the soft cheek, and the half-parted lips and closely-shut eye-lids showed how gently it slumbered. Now and then a litthe girl, sitting close beside her on a low stool, peeped under the light shawl that half covered the child's face, looking smilingly up to her mother, and again nestled closer to her side, till, as the evening advanced, weariness made her own lids droop, and she nedded herself tuto as sound a sleep as the little dreamer in her mother's lap. The father set wearly opposite the group, upon an old chest that contained their all. He had a long time sat with his head bowed upon his hand, in abstract, moody shence, now and then looking towards his young wife as though he no something upon his tips to say, yet dared

"Mary, the captain says he shall put us "What for ?" was her astonished, won-

apro no money, Mary. After I brought board, I went back to G—'s to my luck once more, and the scoundrels wen every dollar. The knaves! they've heated me! If I could have had time to ry my luck again, I'd soon have shown bem I could win as roundly as they."

In giving vent to his excitement, he forgot for the moment, the consequences which his gratified passion had already brought upon his helpless family, and angrily starting up, paced the narrow space about them with flushed and scowling

Poor Mary had received the tidings of but now her emotion was only visible in the silent tears that fell thick and fast, while she encircled her unconscious children more closely in her arms. She remembered the many days and nights of weary toil she had endured to gather a portion of the little sum that was to convey them away from the scenes of her suffering, and with which they were to secure an humble home farther West. But now all was gone. The bright anticipations of a home of their own, in some quiet spot, had long been her strength, and many an hour of sorrow had been lightened with the thought that one day they should till their own land, that she should see the bright grain waving and the praire flowers springing luxuriantly around their dwelling; and her heart beat with joy, as, in imagination, she saw her children bounding upon the green sward, and breathing the fresh pure air, that had thue far boon denied them; and above all, she would see her husband freed from the influences that drew him and his hard earnings to the gambling table with such magnetic witchery, despite all his resolutions and promises. But poor Mary's imaginations had traveled too fast, and her happy dreams were all crushed now. No word of reproach escaped her lips, though she shuddered as she listened to the night wind, and thought how soon they should be without shelter. Her uncomplaining sorrow touched the heart of the gambler, and again he threw himself down upon the old chest, and burying his face in his hands, awaited the summons he momentarily expected from the captain.

There they sat as midnight approached. Quiet had taken the place of the noisy confusion of the evening, as one after another dropped away in slumber. The heavy rumbling sound of the machinery fell painfully upon the nervous car of the gambler, as he listened to the approach of every foot-fall, till suddenly the sound ceased, and only the rushing waters and the dismal whistling of the wind broke the stillness. Presently the captain, accompanied by a man bearing a lantern, appeared, and ordered the unwelcome passengers forward. They arose, and without a word obeyed the summons.

The boat was already lowered and two men at the oars awaited orders. Mary prepared to descend, and placing the babe in her young daughter's arms, with a word of caution turned from them and in a moment more was safely seated in the boat. By the dim light of the lamp she watched the coming of Anna, with her precious burden, and with anxious fear saw them lifted to the boat's edge. She reached forward to secure them, but Anna tottered and in a moment was plunged into the rolling waters. A shrill shriek rent the air and rang through the boat with such wild agony as awoke every sleeper.

"My child! My Anna!" cried the frantic mother, as she gazed vainly in the dark waters that had closed over her loved

"Save them! save them!" she still shrieked, while she struggled to throw herself after them, though firmly held by one of the oarsmen. The other plunged into the river, while half a dozen lights flung a broad gleam upon the water, and enabled

him to discern any object that appeared. The father peered into the distance with a keen quick gaze, and then gave a loud shout, as a dark mass arose to the surface. With a few expert strokes the swimmer reached Anna as she was sinking beneath the waves again, and with a strong hold he grasped and bore her safely to the arms of the distracted mother, who folded the dripping, exhausted child, to her bosom. Still

she shricked-"My child! my babe is gone! oh, save him too!" And with wild gestures she entreated them to find it.

"What does she mean!" asked the astonished oarsman.

" Anna bad the babe in her arms when I lifted her down to you," replied the excied and bewildered father. other word, the generous

glided here and there in search of the lost. she still retains the general ideas in their In vain the lights flashed hither and thith-er, throwing a long streak of brightness to the shore. Nothing was visible, and hope sank in the hearts of the lookers-on who had sethered aren the deel, and even the had gathered upon the deck, and even the Mathematics are not fit for a girl. The barsh captain pitied the mother, as he idea that they give a good sort of discipline,

lets; and here in the midnight darkness, How much have they to do with real life? I they left the moneyless gambler, his strick- mean, not what girls hope to do, but what is en wife, and the half-drowned Anna. Poor actually done by women, forty-nine out of Mary sat moaning upon the river bank, fifty. If but little connected with life, ought clasping her only remaining child, and they not to be put into a side class, for such straining her gaze afar upon the water in as have strength and money? Seminary which in a little time was noisily pushing life, are the very ones which are the most reand puffing along the river, and leaving far behind the broken group that had been despoiled of their treasure.

passengers, and each returned to his dreams, enjoy the privilege; but to think of midnight thoughts of the unhappy this very hard language an essatial reson, with the seminary course for all the students, with the certainty that it will be a tailure in most the certainty that it will be a tailure are conhowever man may err, woman is the greatest sufferer thereby, and few, if any, to profit by the warning of the gambler's misfor-

From the Examiner.

REFORM IN FEMALE EDUCATION. I have just been reading the list of studies in a female "college;" it is frightful .-Why should a girl spend all her precious The subject is too vast to be discussed in detime on such studies as she will be sure to tail here; my design is partly to give a comdrop in a few years? Why not learn what forting hint to the dissatisfied, that they are she will need to use in active life? Why not alone in their thoughts; but principally should not the leading principle on which to suggest the main ideas of a change, hoping the selection of studies is made, by the conductors of our female, by the and do the thing. Men who have paid five conductors of our female seminaries, be or six hundred dollars for a fine piano will this: To give the main attention to such not like to be disturbed. Teachers who are things as cannot be dropped, but will mix deeply committed to the worst parts of the themselves up with the duties of every day ? | common course will not be pleased with these secretly dissatisfied with the present state to notice this communication, let him direct of things; they feel that something is tainty that nearly all girls, before long, abanwrong, they can hardly tell what; they have don their pianos. Let him show why they not courage to attack the prejudices of a will not be likely to do the same thing in fumultitude; their daughters wish to be ed- ture. Music is important, of the right kind, ucated as other girls are; they know of no well learnt, in its place, at the proper times, school that seems to be aiming at the right by the proper persons; we don't want these thing; go to school somewhere they must; things dismissed. a reform is too large an affair to be thought of just now; and so the evil is endured.

business of life, soon fades out; while the lous parents, to their country, to religion. benefit she has learnt little of, for want of imer The girl leaves school stunned and distracted, but not educated. Hundreds, withdrawn from sight. The Queen of the as they read this article, will say, at the bottom of their consciences: This is true.

The great principle on which I would select female studies is this: First secure those which are more closely connected with the business of life, and are involved in it continually. Moral philosophy or the A passing notice must therefore suffice. Here things are never dropped. They are nev- that of Temperance. However much they with their best consolations when the trials of life begin to appear.

fifty compositions is looked over loosely; rent once led him to the house of God and a few misspelt words are corrected; but there poured out his soul in prayer for his how few are the seminaries where the sentences and clauses, the synonyms, the participles, are closely examined; the logical structure of the composition, the mode of how few are the seminaries where the sen- child. He has become so reckless that his presenting the subject, the order of ideas discussed, and the faults pointed out!— the most insatiate thirst? Or are you deter-There is nothing whatever of which the mined that your wife, children and friends memory is more tenacious than such corrections. Properly managed, no mental

tensive reading, by an enthusiastic teacher, or limb over the many rocks that obstruct can history be well taught. It is then the most fascinating and improving of all studies. ourselves of the privilege. Let a suitably qualified teacher get into the mind of his class the fundamental idea of modern history, viz: the gradual rise of a the scene without? Why they seem to be new and better civilization from the settle- making melody to the Lord in Psalms and ments of the barbarians in the Roman Em- Hymns and spiritual songs. How soothing pire, in the fifth century and onward; let the the sound of sacred music to an afflicted spirit? pupil seize the grand conception, and go on We will continue our retreat. The discortracing out the process, having an eye upon a superintending Providence; let her understand what was contributed toward European refinement by each principal event down through the middle ages; let the character and policy of great men be explained to her; bow impressive beautiful and policy of great men be explained to her; beautiful and policy of great men be explained to her; beautiful and proposed to promote our love for the Sabbath or encourage meditation or devotion. Let us seek some quiet retreat where we can render prayer and praise unto God for our present deliverance and prospective happiness. how impressive, how transporting! These Yonder is a cottage in a quiet, sequestered pictures are never effaced from the mind in after life. The imagination, the conscience, eler by day or night. We will turn in here.

boatman plunged into the water again and | everything away. If she cannot read much,

heard her agonized sobs, when the search is solidly refuted by Sir Wm. Hamilton, a was abandoned, and the boatman returned, man more profoundly acquainted with the chilled and wearied, from his fruitless ef- operations of the mind than any other man forts. No one spoke, and many eyes still of modern times. The female mind, I have watched the ruffled waters. Amid the siles carried to any considerable extent. A lence, save the half stifled grief of the be- little geometry, in order to know the meanreaved mother, the boat glided slowly ing of terms used in general literature, is away, the oars dipping lightly into the useful; but as to spending years on going waters that had embosomed the sleeping further, girls have neither the strength nor babe. On and on they sottly moved, till the time; and as to the discipline and the the boat-lights glimesered in the distance, habit of attention, this can be secured in a

and they could see the wavy lines of the much better way. shore, and the dark wood that bordered it.

Close upon the shore stood a few hard. Close upon the shore stood a few ham- shall be done with them? The answer is: search of the lost one. The conscience systems too often ask not want agreestricken father hastened to the nearest cot- able. I know the reply will be, we must not tage for relief, while the skiff pushed from be confined by a vulgar utilitarianism. But the shore and returned to the steamboat, it happens that the studies which go into real

fining and elevating. German! What an intolerable, crushing load! Here and there, a girl of uncommon literary enterprise, and other peculiar advan-Quiet was again restored among the passengers, and each returned to his dreams, enjoy the privilege; but to think of making enjoy the privilege; but to the folly, the cruelty, the ignorance of the

world, implied in such an arrangement. It is painful to see with how little reference to late life also, courses of education are worked out. One of the most agreeable consequences of knowledge is, the dignity it gives to age; but who, says Sidney Smith, ever drops a tear upon the relics of musical

This miserable bondage cannot always last.

General reform will not come from argument; some interesting teachers must actu-In the present system there is downright sense of the community must be united; a cruelty, for two reasons; one is, a girl has few years of hard work must be done to crea considerably shorter time for study than ate a reputation. Any well educated young a boy; the other is, her physical strength men or women who should make the bold is very much less; yet her course is crow- venture, would by-and-by find themselves ded with fashionable studies which require standing on solid ground; people of sense long and hard labor. She gets a very im- would rally round them; things, if I mistake perfect knowledge of them; even that poor knowledge having no connection with the knowledge, having no connection with the of doing a great service to thousands of anx-

For the Spirit of the Aco

night high up in the heavens sheds forth her But parents dare not acknowledge it to milder ray to cheer the nocturnal wanderer daughters, nor daughters to parents. The and beautify nature. All are quiet and young woman would not like to confess to peaceful in the surrounding country, and all herself that she has lost her education; the seem to be awed into reverence for the Aumother could not bear it; the father would thor of the Sabbath by the lessons of the same not be pleased at the loss of so much and the serenity and loveliness of the evening. But in this village it is not so. Here is a contrast in feeling and deportment so great that it would afford material for many Sabbath lectures, or give in sketching it alone, an arscience of duty; intellectual philosophy, in the piazza of a certain store sits a gentleor the management of mind; a thorough man from the country with other citizens of knowledge of the English language—these the village discussing, among other subjects er laid aside for a single day, from youth differ in opinion as to the remedy for the evil to old age, cannot be. General ideas of of intemperance, on one point all agree—that natural philosophy are indispensable, not intemperance has shed its blighting, witherlong treatises for machinists. The history many of its otherwise most worthy citizens of English literature, given in familiar lec- fast in its clutches. Listen at the strains of tures, is of much importance, and a solid music in that grogshop yonder. Hear the accomplishment. Biblical antiquities, Bib- noise of feet keeping time to the same. Think lical geography, such studies as throw light you, is not happiness unalloyed to be found on the Bible-it is a shame for girls to be there? I would guess not. The music deprived of these; they will be connected comes to our ears mixed with oaths most bitter and imprecations most unholy. A well-known voice is heard among the rabble Rhetoric, that charming and exciting such a crowd at such a time. But his better study, how miserably is it carried on, in feelings have been stifled, he has long since, some of our higher schools! A pile of to all appearance, forgotten that a pious pa-

discipline is equal to that which comes out of a course of Rhetoric so taught. And ing passed behind a cloud as if to hide the what mixes itself more intimately with deeds of this people, we must approach near-daily life afterwards?

And BISTORY—ah, here is a difficulty; we the dirt sit two men, rather two human be-Americans are notoriously deficient in this ings, engaged in playing cards. Almost elevating pursuit; the trouble is to find teach- beastly drunk, and still a glass of liquid poiers. I am not now talking of dry out-line son sitting by them. The heart sickens to text-books, which everywhere in this coun- behold them. The moon peeping out from try go by the name of history. Only in fa- behind a cloud gives the spectator a chance miliar lectures, condensed from his own ex- to leave this scene without endangering life

every power of the mind is engaged and disciplined. If the student is afterwards so situated that she can read history, her reading footfalls be light where Deity seems so near. is profitable, because the general system is fixed in her mind; she has a place to stow "hope on hope ever." SPECTATOR.

Spirit of the Age. ration-Picnic. Mr. EDITOR:) terest to the nue

Saturday the itors of Davie Divis- pians of old, ion, met at the local ance Hall, formed in procession an mare I to the arbor where exercises companeed a singing an Ode, and prayer by Ro. Bro. Ienry Steele, of East Bend Division after bich Bro. W. A. Roby, of Dayie livision was introduced, who addressed the addience with a "Temperance speech" of not two hears' length, surpassing good and local argument speech. ance Hall, formed in speech' of provide hears' length, surpassing in good and logical argument anything of the kind has been our pleasure to listen to lately. Heas followed by Bro. J. H. Kinyoun, of St Bend Division, who urged forefoly the poriety and importance of all christian depointations engaging in this glorious temperale work

Temperan

After the perses, all present were corand similar rings where the hellish beverage is used it things moved off harmo-

man and lad everal were proposed and elected, who he initiated at next meeting. Some tr three short encouraging tion. speeches weren delivered, and the Division adjourned upper.

After suppee met again at the Hall at early candle where flambeaux had been prepared, and shal J. H. Kinyoun form- change to be made. ed the ment in procession, marched through the in and back to the arbor. where a largetgregation of people had entertained by appropriate and interesting addresses in Bros. Vestal and Speer. Bro. M. Vestal he of the untiring mem-

upon the morals no communities in which they are netd, when no deal for men, in this community, who have tofore bitterly opposed us, we'e, we learn ell pleased and are now speaking favorable us. And how, let us ask, on they spe otherwise, when we prove a dearly to them that we are laboring for the prosperity of our country; and the happiness, both temporal and eternal, of them and their children ? How CAN

A goodly number of lades were in attenis sure to triumph God bless the Ladies, and give them allow husbands. Upon the whole, friend Gorman, we had a pleasant time and hope much gold was accomplished. VERITAS.

For the Spirit of the Age. MR. EDITOR: -As your columns are open

would by your permission give something of the doings and success of theartein great encountry: Great, because it has tendency to unite all conflicting feelings id interests in the community and bind the up as it were n one common bundle of we: Great, because in these hard times it as a tendency to make money plentiful an people independently rich.

From these remarks, youngy be led to inuire what great enterprise ? What it fect on the community, and whether this rem- the earth. edy for all evils cannot be nade universal in its application? To this ld reply, re move all opposition in the of taxes, &c., and it can be made univergreat enterprise is nothing and that this nor less than the great Show and Circus

exhibition in different par the country. Here the high, the low, rich, the poor, the bond, the free, the sch christian, the infidel the , the gambler. and every other class of on one common grown riod in mirth and sion. The rich christian, laying christian, laying de long-faced look a giving strength so the general mass.

How free fre ld the world be could all be presents make the busin man forget his care vows, the poor his what an incalculable ng money into circulathat has not seen a aps months, manages labor, the christian pinching want. I advantage it is in the lation! The poor dollar for weeks, or p to get hold of one pri w dimes for a bushnegro manages to \$7 el of corn or a few ens, and thus all are rich together; for

ally plenty to eat and and that that is good lays aside his many pleader and indulges to his heart's country this enterprise to our patronage, which is popularity. If states, men project works a few individuals country have the burden to bear. If Paranthropists wish to accomplish anything humanity, they not from the compliant to enlarge her open ons by engaging in missionary enterprises lew have to furnish the wherewith. But its great enterprise spoken of above, is not so the compliant to enlarge her open on the country can be have to furnish the wherewith. But its great enterprise spoken of above, is not so the country of this thing end? In the overthrow of our free institutions, unless discountenanced and discountinged. But this we need to expect, while "Whisker is King!" of above, is not so Every class of the community contribute to its support. The Son of Temperance, that neglects or refuses to pay the dues which entitle him to full membership, pays freely to see the show. The member of at the corn and cotton especially from the

to think he is once in company with the la-dies and can find something to talk about.— Presently all are at home again, but with it will be of some in- what different feelings to those they had in readers of the 'Age,' the morning. With what ecstacy the young friends of humanity people relate the scenes of the day to the "old of the advancement folks at home," till a late hour at night. And se in any portion of then the remaining hours enjoy sight-seeing State. I therefore interspersed with music away in dreamland. of the Celebration of The enchantment does not stop here, but for weeks and months the by-words and songs of July, being the day the clown may be heard, the one from the ance meeting, a large clerk down to the little negro going to mill; surrounding counties the other from the milkmaid to her young ly hour, under the mistress in the mansion. Truly this is a was expected, appa- great country and we a great people. If the what would be said. tax on these entertainments was removed he members of East so they could come round oftener, we might with a number of spend our time as pleasantly as did the Athe-

RALBIGH, N.C.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1858.

SPECTATOR.

Special Notice.

The Spirit of the Age is conducted strictly upon the cash system. All papers are ad by the Division. It was discontinued at the expiration of the time for quite a social e; and we could not help which they have been paid. Subscribers will be notified as the st difference between this will be notified FOUR WEEKS before their time is out, by a cross MARK on their papers; and crage is used in things moved off harmoniously and der.

At 4 o'clo. M., the Division met, opened in do m and initiated a gentle-which there will be no department. which there will be no departure. Watch for the cross MARK, and renew your subscrip-

Subscribers desiring their papers changed, must mention the Post Office, from, as well as the one to, which they desire the

Some of our subscirbers whose terms again met to li to speeches from men of of subscriptions will not be out by the 1st of sound minds monest hearts. They were September, wish to avail themselves of our offer to send the N. C. Planter for the first six months of 1858 to all who send up the bers of Davie Don. Bro. A. Speer has pay for the Age by that time, and ask-"How been a tempera lecturer for the last 26 shall we come in for the premium ?"-We will years, and needs eulogy from my humble tell them : Send on the money for the Age These meeting are doing much good for another year, and you will be credited for in various portion our State for the cause a year in advance of the time already paid of temperance, a roducing salutary effects for; and we will send on the six Nos. of the Planter immediately, This am comply made our proposition-you will lose nothing, will only be paying a little farther in advanceand you will get the Planter also.

The liberal offer we have made is not a permanent one-we could not afford to make it so-it would be a ruinous business to us. It will therefore be closed after the first day of September. Our object, as stated in our prodance, encouraging us by their presence and position, is to increase our list of subscribers smiles; and acqueeupon which woman smiles, to the Age, and to introduce our Agricultural work where it had not been seen. All have had an opportunity to avail themselves of our proposition. If they fail to do so, it is their own fault. Any letter bearing date in August though received after the 1st September, will be entitled to the six Nos. of the Planter. Be sure and so state in your for communications on almost all subjects, I letter, if you wish them sent to you.

Whiskey is King.

We learn from several of our exchanges, from different portions of the State, that whiskey flowed like water on the recent election day, to the shame of those who engaged in it, and to the disgust and horror of sober men who witnessed this alarming prostitution of the elective franchise by a people claiming to s that has such a desirable and salutary el- be the freest and most enlightened people on

We might here write a mournful homily on this degrading custom; but what is the use? What would we accomplish by it?-All men having any pretentions to respectability, profess to deplore this state of things, and join us in saying it ought to be done away the clown, the with; but if party aggrandizement can be promoted by the use of the bottle, too many of these very persons are ready to join in and pour down whiskey by the quart into the patriotic throats of the rabble

Politicians may boast about "principles" uragement to the governing through the ballot-box, and all that kind of thing, but unless they are pretty strongly impregnated with whiskey, they do not govern long. The truth is "Whiskey is servant his servile | King" in our elections, in too many instances, is and does more to influence votes, than all the speeches, newspapers, and everything else brought to bear in a political campaign. We know this assertion may be seized up-

is to the Show; the on as an invidious reflection upon the virtue, intelligence and patriotism of our peoplebut, we ask in all candor, Is it not true? If not, why is it that candidates will insist upon eeing, there is usu- treating to whiskey the "free sovereigns" upnk or such occasions, on whom they rely for their election? Why ceally of the latter. is it we often hear them say—"I shall be bea-And there are many stances, like one I now call to mind, where he Son of Temperance lays aside his griff pledge and indulges to his heart, bis heart, as another desid-

ber of the church that never did anything in his life for the support of the Gospel, except once, perhaps, (then he subscribed and never paid,) "shells it out" without any appearance of stinginess on this occasion. And thus all help to push forward the noble cause that has the destination of support of the Gospel, except few days, we have had copious rains, which has, we hope, done much good to the crops. An average crop will hardly be raised throughout the State. The great corn region the destiny of so many individuals in its of the Roanoke, has suffered greatly.

After the Show is over, how the countenance of each one beams with very with

evidencing that they are well satisfies for
their outlay. There is usually a short time
spent on the ground before the people leave
for their respective places of abode; during
which there are many warm grasps of the
hand, many a joyous laugh and many a friendly embrace. Now the hour for departure arrives. What has been seen and heard through
the day will affor subjects for conversation
for a ride of severa miles. And how the bosom of the counter of the worthy Proprietor of Glen
Anna Female Seminary, by calling attention
to the Advertisement of this institution of
learning. We have no personal knowledge
of this School, but we have heard others in
whose judgement we have the fullest confidence, bear strong testimony to its excellence;
and we therefore feel fully justified in recommending it to public patronage.

The Terrible Epidemic.

rible, devastating, body and soul destroying tian Church, who witnessed the drunkenness epidemic. It is more terrible than the si- and rowdyism so common during the recent moom of the desert-more devastating than election campaign, that does not feel a holy the whirlwind of the forest-more destroy. horror at such exhibitions? If so, how easiing than the wild-fire of the prairies- ly might they put an end to these disgraceful water. No position is too high for its insidi- member of the various Christian Churches.

its withering, blighting and terrible touch. sun, and scatters its poisonous vapors abroad allows others to do it for him, how long and broadcast at the midnight hour. It is would the country be cursed by this demoralspreading throughout the length and breadth izing and degrading custom? One campaign of the land, and has become the greatest more, and this vow faithfully carried out, curse that ever visited the sons and daugh- would silence it at once and forever. ters of Adam. It knows no distinctions .- And ought you not to do it? The high is wrecked and ruined.

of almost before they are conscious of having taken the first day's journey.

It lays its finger upon the young man in the summer of manhood, and his energies are blighted and his God-like powers destroyed. Old age is not exempt from its destroying touch; the grey hairs going down to an honorable grave become dishonored, and the victim reels and falls, disgraced, into the darkness of the yawning tomb. Is there no remedy for this terrible epidemic? Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Where are our wise men to point out the

Can it be that this epidemic must go on and rage and burn forever, increasing in strength and becoming bolder as it progresses in its onward career? Is there no hope for poor suffering humanity? Is Fashion, that accursed Deity, forever to be worshiped, and its accursed car, more terrible than the car of killing not only the body, but blighting, mildewing and destroying the immortal soul? Would you know the name of this curse? Would you listen to its title--its terrible title, which in itself should cause a fear and a horror that should chill one's-blood and freeze the marrow in one's bones? This epidemicthis terrible epidemic which is increasing in strength, and which is seen and felt thoughout this goodly land, and which it does appear as if the power of mortal could not stay, is the WHISKEY FEVER!

Shun it as you would a lion in your path. Avoid it as you would death itself. Look around you and mark its victims. How many can you number? is not the reflection of life. and the result terrible. It rages like a volcano-its burning lava is to be feared and shunned. Its victims are numbered by millions, and millions are still being smitten daily by this awful epidemic-the WHISKEY

Prof. Owen's Card.

We invite attention to an Advertisement gentleman so widely and favorably known throughout the State, as a thorough scholar and most successful Instructor, it is perhaps in his behalf, and especially so when he introduces the strong, unqualified recommen- pils a thorough and complete education. dations of such names as are appended to certificates presented in his Card. But we are ment at a fountain of pure water and that his have his valuable services continued to his celient institutions of learning with which inary.

our State abounds. Prof. Owen has been associated with two of the highest Male Colleges in the State, in both which he took high rank in the Chairs he filled. But, we think, from his mild, affaole manners, his peculiar capacity to instruct and edity by his elegant social qualities and conversational powers, he is especially fitted to the charge of the young ladies of our State; and we should be much pleased to rentative; ce him in some of our Female Seminaries or Colleges. Any institution, however, will be ortunate in securing his services. See Prof.)wen's Card.

The Result.

Although the entire State has not been heard from, yet enough is known to render about one tea-spoonful of copperas and it certain that Judge Ellis is elected Govern-small handful of salt in a small quantity of or by from fifteen to eighteen thousand ma. meal; -and as yet there has not been a sinor by from fifteen to eighteen thousand ma-jority; and that the Democrats will have The disease is all around us, and proves fatal

Avery, dem., for Congress, in the Mountain district, by some two or three thousand ma-

Some one hookes warm go been from our table a week or so ago. It had an in our county, a few weeks ago, became ebony staff and gold holder. Our impression toxicat d, and while in this condition, rom is, the thief took it to sell. If any one knows dog came up and ate of the vomit, but did not

The Council of State, according to request of the Governor, convened in this City on Wednesday last, the 11th instant. Present, Capt. John Walker, President, Dr. G. C. Marchant, Col. N. M. Long, Dr. D. G.W. Ward and W. De Bethel, Esq.

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Illis and Person. The following gentlemen were appointed: 1st Circuit.-R. R. Heath, Esq., of Eden-

5th Circuit-Jesse G. Shepherd, Esq., of The resignation of A. A. McKay, of Sampson, one of the Council, was received, and Patrick Murphy, Esq., of the same county, was elected in his place.—Standard.

Can it be that there is a single moral There is an epidemic in the land! A ter- citizen, and especially member of the Chrismore horrible in its results than the waste of scenes. Suppose every moral man, and every ous attacks; and no station too low to escape were to enter into a solemn league that, come what will, we will not vote for any man who It flourishes in the light of the noon-day treats with intoxicating drinks bimself, or

The high and the low, the rich and the poor, and holy vows of religion which are upon you. the bond and the free, are alike affected by demand it at your hands. Patriotism and its poisonous breath. Whatever it touches philanthropy appeal to you by your love of becomes blighted-whatever it breathes upon country and your love for your fellow-man, to set the seal of your reprobation upon it .-Men walk about the streets with this hor- The secred interests of the social circle-the rible epidemic preying upon their vitals. - protection of your wife and children call upon They are smitten and they know it not-they you to withhold your countenance frem the are unconscious victims deeming themselves man who perpetuates the curse upon comunscathed. They fall daily by the wayside, munity. Will you do it? WILL YOU? If and others rush past them on the same high- so, the day of redemption is at hand; for the way to ruin and death. No example stays addressing can defeat any treating candidate their footsteps-no caution can stop them in in the land, and drive his whiskey jugs to the their mad career. They hurry down the road devil's den, where they belong. O! for the that leads to death, arriving to the end there- moral courage to take this whiskey bull by

> Bre. J. G. Marler, R. S. of East Bend Division, sends us the names of eleven subscribers, and says-"We honestly believe that every member of the Order of the Sons of Temperance should be a subscriber to the Spirit of the Age; for by so doing they would not only make better members, but better and wiser men. Let us read the Age curselves and circulate it among the people, if we wish to do good. We have procured eleven subscribers to the Age this week, and hope to be able to send on more soon." Thank you Bro. M.; and hope that all other Sons will come to a like conclusion, and act it out, as you have done. We are glad to hear East Bend Division is so actively engaged in the good cause.

Miss Sallie A. Robeson sends us a club of five subscribers from Arkansas. She sayaand have seen of the good old North State, has exerted over those who read it; and I wish to see its wholesome influence spread over this our "wild western land." We stand in great need of something to reform our country. I have been living in Arkansas about nine months, and many are the crimes and dark deeds that have been committed in that short time-and all from the use of alcoholic beverages. We earnestly hope for better things, when your good "Spirit" shall shed its benign influence upon our community. May it visit every home in the land until the hydra-headed monster shall indeed be conquered." Amen, say we. Thank you lady fair. May the blighting demon never mingle his poisonous compounds in your cup

New Female Seminary.

The Iredell Express, in referring to an Advertisement with this heading, and which also appears in cur columns, says:

It will be perceived on reference to our advertising columns, that Pro. Thadeus L. Troy and Lady have opened a Female Seminary at Rock Springs, in Alexander county N. C. Besides being an eligible location for a Semithis paper with the above caption. Of a nary of a high grade, such as Pro. Troy de signs to make his school, the Principal is known to possess the best of qualifications for teaching in any College, and the long experience that he can boast in imparting edua work of supererogation for us to say a word cational instruction is the best guarantee that no pains will be spared to confer on his pu-

We learn that Pro. Troy has caused to be impelled by a feeling of State patriotism-to pupils can enjoy daily, the wholesome luxury of a thermal or eval ablu ion, and that once or twice a week they will be conveyed native land-when we express the hope that to partake of the waters of a mineral Spring he will be called into some of the many ex- distant about a couple of miles from his Sem-

The Cattle Disease.

The disease which has made such destruction with the Cattle in the Southern and Western States, is prevailing to a great extent now in North Carolina. In this section it is not as virulent as represented abroad; many cases have occurred, but we have heard of no cattle dying with it. The following is sent to the Fayetteville Observer as a pre-

NEAR WADESBORO', Anson Co. N. C.)-Editors Observer .- The "cattle disease." noticed in the last Observer, has made its appearance in this section, and is spreading with great rapidity. Immunediately on hearing of its existence in the neighborhood, I, at the suggestion of an experienced farmer and stock raiser, commenced giving to each cow, some fifty majority on joint ballot in the Legin many instances. My neighbor who recommended and is using the above, informs Z. B. Vance, whig, has beaten W. W. me that his cattle have also escaped thus far. It is certainly worth a trial.

> Correspondence of the Spirit of the Age. Quick and sure Poison. kears, from a reliable source, that a man

Yours, &c.,

of such a pen being offered for tale, they will oblige us by giving us the information.

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